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Rockville Considers Limited Moratorium on Major New Development

Rockville's Mayor and Council are planning to discuss possible adoption of a measure that would pause for a limited period certain new development while the city works to complete the two-year revision of its Zoning Ordinance.

The proposal is a recommendation from the Representatives of Rockville Zoning Ordinance Revision (RORZOR) committee, a working group the Mayor and Council appointed in February to assist the City with revising its land use standards.

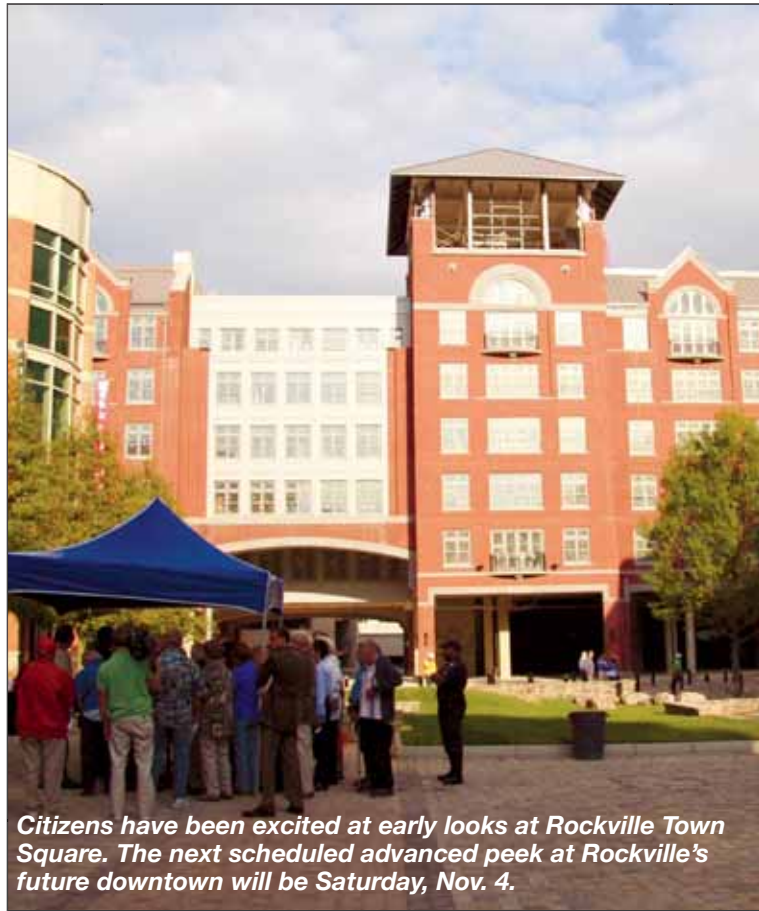
The Mayor and Council are scheduled to discuss the RORZOR recommendation at their meeting on Monday, Oct. 30. That meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.), will be televised live on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11).

With few exceptions, single-family detached dwelling units in one-family residential zones would not be affected by the moratorium. Building permits are currently not proposed to be included in the moratorium. Therefore, any application that does not require a variance may continue to be filed.

Applications for variances (slight alterations of the existing setback, height and other dimensional standards of the zoning ordinance approved by the Board of Appeals) may be filed under this proposed moratorium until September 2007. This means that decks, fences and other modifications to a home can continue. Projects that have been approved for building permits also would not be affected.

Rockville has been undertaking a process that will update and significantly revise its Zoning Ordinance. That project likely will not be ready for adoption until sometime in 2007. Concern that applications for major development may be rushed in to meet current zoning laws is among the reasons that the Mayor and Council are considering a moratorium.

Many factors will be analyzed in the discussion to adopt a possible moratorium. Among those factors will be the time period a moratorium will be in effect, the type of construction affected and whether projects for which applications have already been submitted will be affected by a moratorium. **RR**



Citizens have been excited at early looks at Rockville Town Square. The next scheduled advanced peek at Rockville's future downtown will be Saturday, Nov. 4.

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Rockville Town Square Nears Its Debut Residents Can Tour Site Nov. 4, Library 'Sneak Peek' on Nov. 11

A decade of planning and some particularly hard work over the past two years are on the verge of yielding the first dividends in the creation of a revitalized Rockville Town Center.

Rockville Town Square, the 12.5-acre first phase of Town Center redevelopment, likely will have its initial elements open sometime in November. The new Rockville Library, the public plaza, one of three new public parking garages and Maryland Avenue extended will be the first to open.

The first residents in the 644 condominiums being developed by RD Rockville, LLC are expected to move in this winter. Most retail stores in the space owned by Federal Realty Investment Trust will be open by March 1, although some may open earlier. A formal grand opening is scheduled for May.

For those who cannot wait, there are several opportunities to see the future of downtown Rockville before the construction fences are removed.

Rockville's Neighborhood Resources Program, in conjunction with the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services, will conduct the tours of Town Square on Saturday, Nov. 4. Residents must sign up in advance to take part in the tours, the first of which will begin at 10 a.m. (See story and details, page 6.)

On Saturday, Nov. 11, the new Rockville Library will open for a "sneak peek" starting at 12:30 p.m. That open house will be preceded by a "book brigade" in which between 100 and 120 people will form a line that stretches from a truck parked on the new portion of Maryland Avenue to the library door. Volunteers will

pass books and other materials into the new building.

The materials, reflecting all of the collections in the new library, will end up in the hands of Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo. The two officials will shelve some of the materials.

To register for the limited number of openings available on the book brigade, call 240-777-0164.

On the evening of Nov. 11, the Friends of the Library, Rockville chapter, will hold a celebration gala in the building starting at 7 p.m. The evening's theme will be "World Collections—A Taste of Culture." For more information, call 240-777-0200.

A date has yet to be set for the simultaneous public opening of the library, plaza and the parking garage, but they are expected to be open shortly. **RR**



A SEASON FOR GIVING

The annual Rockville Holiday Drive, operated by the City of Rockville's Division of Community Services, will provide Thanksgiving food baskets, toys and donations to those less fortunate in Rockville this holiday season. Donations are needed to assist with this effort. See page 6 "Time for Giving" for more information.

November's Best of Rockville

1 **Celebrate Native Americans** At Croydon Creek Nature Center November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Take a hike and learn about Native Americans in Rockville. 3-4 p.m. Ages 7-over. Call 240-314-8770.

11 **Veterans Day Ceremony** 11 a.m. Veterans Park. Ceremony and wreath laying honoring those who have served our country. (See prior year's photo at right.) Call 240-314-5022 for more information.



19 **Rockville Concert Band Concert** Rockville's premiere 75-member band performs music from around the world. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE, no tickets required. Call 240-314-8690 for more information.

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GENERAL PROJECTS

Asphalt/Concrete Improvements • Partial replacement of asphalt walking path to and around tennis court in Horizon Hill Park

Bikeway Route Signs •

Installation of signs along designated Bike Routes • Installation is expected to be completed in November • The project is partially funded by the National Recreational Trails Program

Civic Center Long Range Plan

• Feasibility study to identify adequate and accessible parking, vehicular and pedestrian access and stormwater management on the Civic Center grounds has been completed • Plan is currently in the review process • The implementation or construction of this project is funded in Fiscal Year 2010

Dog Park • Design has been incorporated into Mattie J. T. Stepanek Park • Construction is underway and a grand opening will take place in the spring • Rockville Dog Owners Group (RDOG) continues to participate in the process

Gude Drive Facility Improvements • Modernization and expansion of the City's Public Works and Parks maintenance complex in four phases • Project has been postponed due to budget constraints

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • TEA-21 grant for \$3,771,190 received from State Highway Administration • Construction began in spring and is expected to take 18 months

King Farm Farmstead • Courtesy review by Historic District Commission completed • Reconstruction of hay drying shed to begin this fall

Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park • Phase I – Construction is underway • Expected completion this fall • Beginning of Phase II – Construction began in October • Design of Phase III begins this fall

Playground Equipment Improvements • Falls Grove Park equipment to be installed in the fall • Land transfer from developer to City has been completed • Stepanek Park equipment installation scheduled for fall • Hillcrest and Silver

Rock Parks equipment has been designed and the bid will be awarded by the Mayor and Council this fall

Rockville Municipal Swim Center Meeting/Fitness Room • Design of facility has begun • Construction of facility is funded in Fiscal Year 2008

Thomas Farm Community Center • Architect working on detail designs (due this fall) • Construction is expected to begin this winter

Urban Forest Renewal • Removal of aging and hazardous trees in Twinbrook, Fallsmead, Potomac Woods and other neighborhoods is ongoing • Replacement plantings take place each spring and fall

PUBLIC WORKS

TRANSPORTATION

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Four pedestrian signals with countdown LED lights were installed at the intersection of Maryland 28 and Laird Street

Bus Shelters • Additional shelter installation locations being determined this fall

Sidewalk Installation • Beall Avenue from Maryland 355 to Nelson Street • Design for sidewalk on north side of street underway • Funding for construction is being sought from state or other means • Lynch Street, Calvin Lane and Argyle Street sidewalks are complete

Fallsgrove Developer-Funded Transportation Improvements • Majority of the projects are complete • Remaining projects include expansion of I-270 ramp to Shady Grove Road

Red Light Cameras • The installation of two new red light cameras along Maryland Route 28 in Town Center (East-bound Route 28 at South Washington Street and West-bound Route 28 at Maryland Avenue) is complete

Slower Speeds for Safer Schools • Ritchie Park Elementary and Meadow Hall Elementary schools continue to participate in the 15-mph speed limit program for the 2006-07 school year • College Gardens Elementary School will resume the participation in the program when school renovations are complete in September 2007 • Staff is evaluating expanding the program

Streetlight Projects • The installation of new conduits and

cables for 16 streetlights on Wootton Parkway between Maryland 355 and Edmonston Drive is complete • New streetlights on the west side of Maryland 28 between Fallsgrove Drive and Darnestown Road is scheduled for spring

STREAM & STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Alsace Lane Stream Restoration • Design is complete on 500 feet of stream in the Rock Creek drainage area • Construction has started • This project has been combined with the Rockcrest Stream Project listed below

Carnation/I-270 SWM Retrofit • Modify existing stormwater management (SWM) facilities to implement stream erosion control in Watts Branch drainage area • Design complete • Construction planned for winter 2006-07

College Gardens Low Impact Design (LID) SWM Study • Consultants evaluated various LID techniques on public and private property to improve Watts Branch water quality and reduce runoff • The LID assessment report was presented to the Mayor and Council in December 2005 • Opportunities for LID measures will be pursued after the College Gardens Park/Pond Modification Project

College Gardens Park/Pond Modification • Develop alternative layouts for College Gardens Park that incorporate active and passive recreation features and an expanded park pond that provides stormwater management • Neighborhood surveys have been completed to help prioritize existing and potential park amenities, such as shade trees, park shelter building, playgrounds and basketball courts • Approximately 70 citizens attended a meeting on Sept. 21 to review concept designs for the park and pond layout; comments received were favorable

Drainage Improvement at Longwood/Pinewood Intersection

• Design is underway to relieve occasional street flooding during major rainstorms • Construction is planned for fall 2007

Maryvale SWM and Park Improvements • Existing dual-use ballfield/SWM facility will be modified to create a separate soccer field and stormwater marsh • Design is ongoing • Construction is planned for winter 2006-07

Rockcrest Stream Improvement • 1,600 feet of stream restoration in the Rock Creek watershed is being designed • Construction has started, with work being performed in the western end of Rock Creek Park, off of Broadwood

UTILITIES

Adclare Water Main Replacement • Approximately 1,500 feet of six-inch water main under Adclare Road and will be replaced with eight-inch water main • Construction has started and will continue through the end on November

Evans Street Sewer • Sewer replacement for approximately 300 feet of six-inch PVC sewer at 110 and 112 Evans Street is substantially complete with only restoration issues remaining

Horizon Hills Water Mains • The condition of water mains in this area is being assessed • Water mains in some streets may need to be replaced

Lewis Avenue Water Main • Upgrade 4,600 feet of 8-inch water main to 12-inch water main from Broadwood Drive to

Halpine Road • Design is ongoing • Construction is planned for spring 2007

Sewer Rehabilitation • Sewer evaluation survey, including flow monitoring and video inspection of underground piping for the southeastern area of Twinbrook has been completed • Rehabilitation is complete

WATER IMPROVEMENTS

Glen Mill Pump Station • Project will provide the additional pumping capacity needed to provide sufficient water supply to the entire Rockville water system to meet future peak demand • System start-up occurred on Oct. 11 • Project is substantially complete

Water Treatment Plant • Major upgrade in the treatment plant to support a maximum daily production of 14 million gallons is essentially complete • Construction of covers over the filter wells is complete • An emergency generator has been added • Improvements to sludge handling facilities are being studied



FINAL DELIVERY... *Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo, left, and U.S. Congressman Chris Van Hollen on Oct. 24 toured the historic downtown Rockville Post Office, which has served the City since 1938, and is scheduled to close on Friday, Oct. 27. The U.S. General Services Administration announced earlier this year that it would close the facility and sell the property, citing several reasons, including the fact that a newer facility is located less than one-half mile away on North Washington Street. GSA is now pursuing future options for the building, which will not be demolished because it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Rockville Post Office and Peerless Rockville, the organization dedicated to preserving the City's history, are co-sponsoring a farewell event on Friday, Oct. 27, from 4:45-6:15 p.m. For more information on the event, call 301-762-0096.*

A Public Look at the Draft Twinbrook Plan Coming

Meetings on Nov. 9 and 16 Will Present Advisory Group's Recommendations for Future of Neighborhood

The Twinbrook neighborhood has been the subject of study for more than a year as a citizen advisory group worked with City staff to plan for the neighborhood's future. Now that group is ready to update residents and receive feedback on the advisory group's recommendations for the draft plan.

Public meetings will be held Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Meadow Hall Elementary School, and Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Twinbrook Elementary School. Both meetings will offer the same information in explaining the draft of the proposed updated Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan.

The plan focuses on two City planning areas.

Planning Area 7 (Twinbrook Forest/Northeast Rockville) lies north of Veirs Mill Road and east of Norbeck Road. Planning Area 8 (Twinbrook) falls between Veirs Mill Road and the north-south Metro/CSX railroad tracks.

The existing neighborhood plan for Planning Area 8 was completed in 1982. Planning Area 7 has never had an individual neighborhood plan prepared, but was included as part

What Twinbrook Means To Me

Thoughts from the Twinbrook Neighborhood Advisory Group, April 7, 2005

Neighborhoodness

Just where I live

A place to raise my family

A starting point

Parks and trees

A central location to Maryland and DC

A base of operations

A gift

Diversity

A real city, less suburban

An emerging, exciting place

of the city-wide comprehensive master plan that was approved and adopted on Nov. 12, 2002.

"As part of the Mayor and Council's initiative to strengthen neighborhoods, this planning effort will be a blueprint for quality of life for all residents in the community throughout the next 20 years," said Jim Wasilak, Rockville's Chief of Planning.

The Mayor and Council

appointed the Twinbrook Advisory Group on March 7, 2005. The group is composed primarily of neighborhood residents, but also sought input from area business and property owners during the process.

Part of the Twinbrook neighborhood is adjacent to the planned Twinbrook Commons 27-acre development that will be clustered around the Twinbrook Metro Station. The Rockville Pike corridor borders the west side of the neighborhood and Veirs Mill Road cuts through it.

In addition to traffic pressures, residents are concerned with the upkeep of the neighborhood as many homes approach the 50-year mark.

After the public review period, the advisory group will present a recommended Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan to the City's Planning Commission and the Mayor and Council in early 2007.

For more information on the draft Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan, contact Ann Wallas of Rockville's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200. [RR](#)

En Noviembre el Publico podra ver el Bosqueto del Plan de Twinbrook

Dos Reunions Publicas para el 9 y 16 de Noviembre Presentaran Recomendaciones para el Futuro de Los Vecindarios

Twinbrook, una comunidad de Rockville que esta sintiendo la influencia del cambio y el crecimiento adyacente, ha sido sujeto de un estudio por mas de un ano por un grupo de ciudadanos asesores que ha trabajado con empleados de la Ciudad para planificar el futuro del vecindario. Dos reuniones publicas para poner al dia a los residents y recibir comentarios sobre las recomendaciones del grupo de asesores sobre el bosquejo del plan, se llevaran a cabo el Jueves, 9 de Noviembre a las 7:30 pm. en la Escuela Elemental Meadow Hall y el Jueves 16 de Noviembre, a las 7:30 pm. en la Escuela Elemental Twinbrook. Ambas reuniones ofreceran la misma informacion y usted podra escoger la que mejor le parezca.

El plan para el vecindario de Twinbrook se concentra en dos areas de planificacion de la Ciudad. El Area 7 de Planificacion (Twinbrook Forest/al noreste de Rockville) al norte de la Viers Mill Road y al este de la Norbeck Road.

El area 8 de la Planificacion (Twinbrook) que se encuentra entre la Viers Mill Road y el norte y sur del metro/las lineas del tren CSX.

El actual plan de vecindario para el area 8 de planificacion fue completada en 1982. El area 7 de planificacion nunca ha tenido un plan individual de vecindario, pero ha sido incluido como parte del Plan Maestro para toda la Ciudad que fue aprobado y adoptado el 12 de noviembre del 2002.

"Como parte de la iniciativa del Alcalde y el Concejo, para fortalecer los vecindarios, este esfuerzo de planificacion sera un modelo para la calidad de vida en la comunidad para los proximos 20 anos", declaro Jim Wasilak, El Jefe de Planificacion de Rockville.

Para mas informacion, comuniquese con Ann Wallas del Departamento de Planificacion Comunitaria y Servicios de Desarrollo de Rockville al 240-314-8200. [RR](#)

— Translated by Elisa Nejad

COPT Modifies Proposed Building Plan, But Concerns Remain

The Corporate Office Properties Trust (COPT), owners of the former Celera property adjacent to the King Farm development, has proposed a modified plan to erect additional buildings on the property. The new plan increases the amount of forested property that would remain as a buffer between the two properties, but concerns remain about the plan.

In 2005, COPT purchased the property on the corner of West Gude Drive and Route 355 that contained two offices formerly owned by the research firm. COPT said it intended to construct two additional office buildings on the property, as is permitted in a use permit issued in 1983.

To construct those additional buildings, COPT's current plans would severely cut into trees on the property that buffer it from the nearest residences in King Farm, which was built within the past five to

seven years.

Residents of King Farm have appealed to Rockville's Mayor and Council for assistance in asking COPT to minimize the volume of trees to be removed.

The revised concept plan will save an additional 2.3 acres of trees. However, the modified plans show one new building relocated closer to Gude Drive. The newest plans also ask for a waiver on the dimensions of parking spaces so they could be narrower than city regulations.

Because the use permit for this property was issued more than 23 years ago, it does not comply with current requirements of the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance.

However, several environmental and building regulations have changed in the past two decades.

COPT submitted plans in 2005 that showed a tree buffer between its

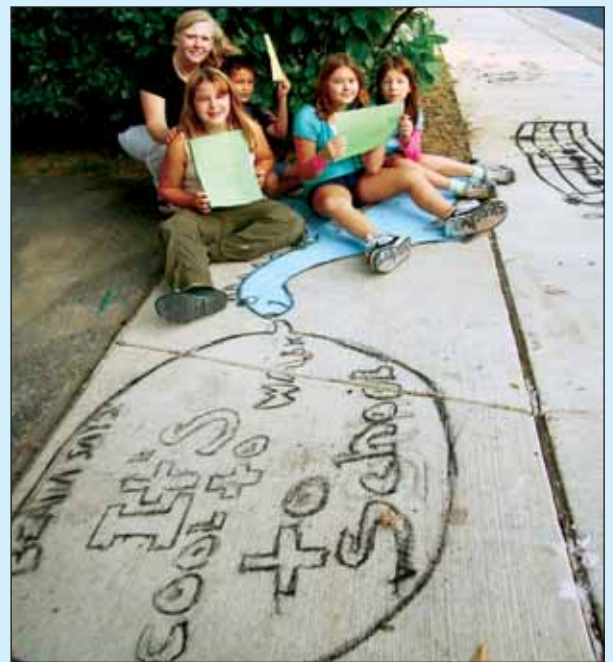
property and King Farm that would be a width of 20 feet wide, which was shown on the approved plans from 1983.

COPT officials met with King Farm residents in January and revised its plans, agreeing to increase the buffer from the 20 feet that was in its 2005 plan to 35

feet. [The width of the forested property line exceeds 100 feet.]

City staff was scheduled to meet with COPT officials on Thursday, Oct. 26, to discuss the modified proposal. [RR](#)

"The use permit for this property was issued more than 23 years ago, it does not fall under the current requirements of the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance."



IT'S COOL TO WALK TO SCHOOL.... Lynch Street residents celebrated the installation of a new sidewalk on their street on "International Walk to School Day" with special brightly colored sidewalk decorations. The Ramarui family and their neighbors (above) joined hundreds of local children, parents and City officials at Beall, Meadow Hall and Twinbrook elementary schools in participating in the walk. This event is an annual part of a local "Safe Routes To School" initiative spearheaded by the City of Rockville. The idea is to walk to school together to form a "walking school bus" with several purposes, including health, safety, physical activity and concern for the environment. For additional information on the program, call 240-314-8119.

Ride This Way Rockville 200 New Bikeway Signs Coming to City

Bicycling and holding a map at the same time may seem like more of a juggling act than a relaxing way to commute around the City. But beginning in November, those who utilize the City's network of pedestrian and bicycle trails, lanes and routes can leave their maps at home and instead follow the more than 200 new signs that will lead people to destinations such as parks, Metro stations and schools in Rockville.

The installation of the signs, which is taking place in October and November, is among the last elements to be implemented of the City's Bicycle Master Plan.

For the past 10 years, through the Bicycle Master Plan, Rockville has developed an expansive 45-mile network of designated paths, trails and routes that provide safe and easy ways for pedestrians and bicyclers to travel around the City.

In May, Rockville celebrated the completion of one major component of the network—the Millennium Trail. The trail is a

10.6-mile bicycle beltway that crosses four major roads—Maryland Route 28, Rockville Pike, Interstate 270 and Falls Road. Another major component, a pedestrian/bike bridge over I-270 at Maryland Route 28/West Montgomery Avenue, is expected to be completed in 2007.

The new signs are partially

funded from a Recreational Trails Grant administered by the Maryland State Highway Administration for \$15,000. The total cost of the sign project is \$50,000.

"We are delighted to be able to better direct pedestrians and bicycle commuters around the City through

these new signs," said Betsy Thompson, a program development coordinator in the City's Department of Recreation and Parks. "Being able to easily travel by bicycle or foot is something that every citizen, young or old, can benefit from."

For more details about bicycling in Rockville visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/bicycling. **RR**



New Free Community Wellness Program Seeks to Create a Happy, Healthy Rockville First Health Fair on Sat., Nov. 4, at Twinbrook Community Center

Pumpkin pie. Thanksgiving turkey. Mashed potatoes and stuffing. Candy canes and holiday cookies.

Ever wonder if the many cards received this time of year should say "Seasons EATINGS" instead of "Seasons Greetings?"

To encourage Rockville residents to take a proactive role in their health, the City is launching its first community-wide wellness initiative. While the Department of Recreation and Parks has annually offered everything from fitness classes to healthy cooking classes, the division is now offering a variety of new healthy events, seminars and programs.

The newest and biggest event is the Fall Fest Rockville Community Health Fair on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1-4 p.m. at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center. There, families can "Fall O' the Path to Health" by participating in a variety of free and low-cost health screenings and food and exercise demonstrations. Flu shots,

a Red Cross Blood Drive, raffle drawings and more also will be offered.

The fair will include activities for people of all ages, such as screenings for vision and glaucoma, lung function, spines and carbon monoxide. In addition, residents can explore the benefits of acupuncture, smoking cessation counseling, podiatry, personal training and vitamins.

Classes on belly dancing, line dancing, pilates and senior chair exercises will be sure to get the heart pumping. Or try a new healthy recipe for holiday cooking. All activities and screenings are free, except flu shots (\$23 per person).

"Many residents are concerned with living a happy and healthy lifestyle," said Hillary Boguski, Rockville's community wellness coordinator. "The new Community Wellness initiative seeks to support those endeavors with special programs and services designed specifically for the local Rockville community."

Other programs planned

for Community Wellness are a Holiday Challenge in November and December. The program is designed to encourage residents to stay within three pounds of their current weight during the Holiday Season (Thanksgiving to New Years Day) in part by exercising 12 days at 30 minutes a day during that period.

A "Healthy Body Program" in January will feature a five-week program for those who want to lose weight or become more fit with weekly weigh-ins, seminars and more. A Heart Healthy Tea Party at Glenview Mansion in February will discuss risk factors for women.

Details on each program and registration information are featured in the quarterly Rockville Recreation Guide mailed to each residence and available online at www.rockvillemd.gov (click on RockEnroll).

For more information about Community Wellness, visit the City's Web site or call 240-314-8119. **RR**

Preventing Runaways One Child at a Time

The Rockville City Police Department is partnering with "Operation Runaway," a community-based, family focused and crisis-oriented local program founded in 1991, to assist at-risk runaway youth and their families.

The program seeks to call attention to the importance of strengthening families and preventing children from running away in the community.

The problem is significant in Montgomery County. Each day, County police receive five reports of children who have run away. Those most at risk are teenagers between 15 and 16 years old.

Nearly 20 percent of the runaways were missing for one week or more. Forty percent of juveniles who ran away were at some point involved in crime.

Operation Runaway is a resource to which the Rockville Police Department victim advocate, Diane Wilkins, refers families when they report a child has run away. The group provides free, therapeutic support serv-

es, education and advocacy in an effort to prevent and reduce runaway behavior.

"While running away is something teens do throughout the year, report card distribution time and the holiday season are particularly stressful times for teenagers and we typically see an increase in runaways at those times," said Wilkins. "It is vital that families pay attention to changes in their child's behavior around those times."

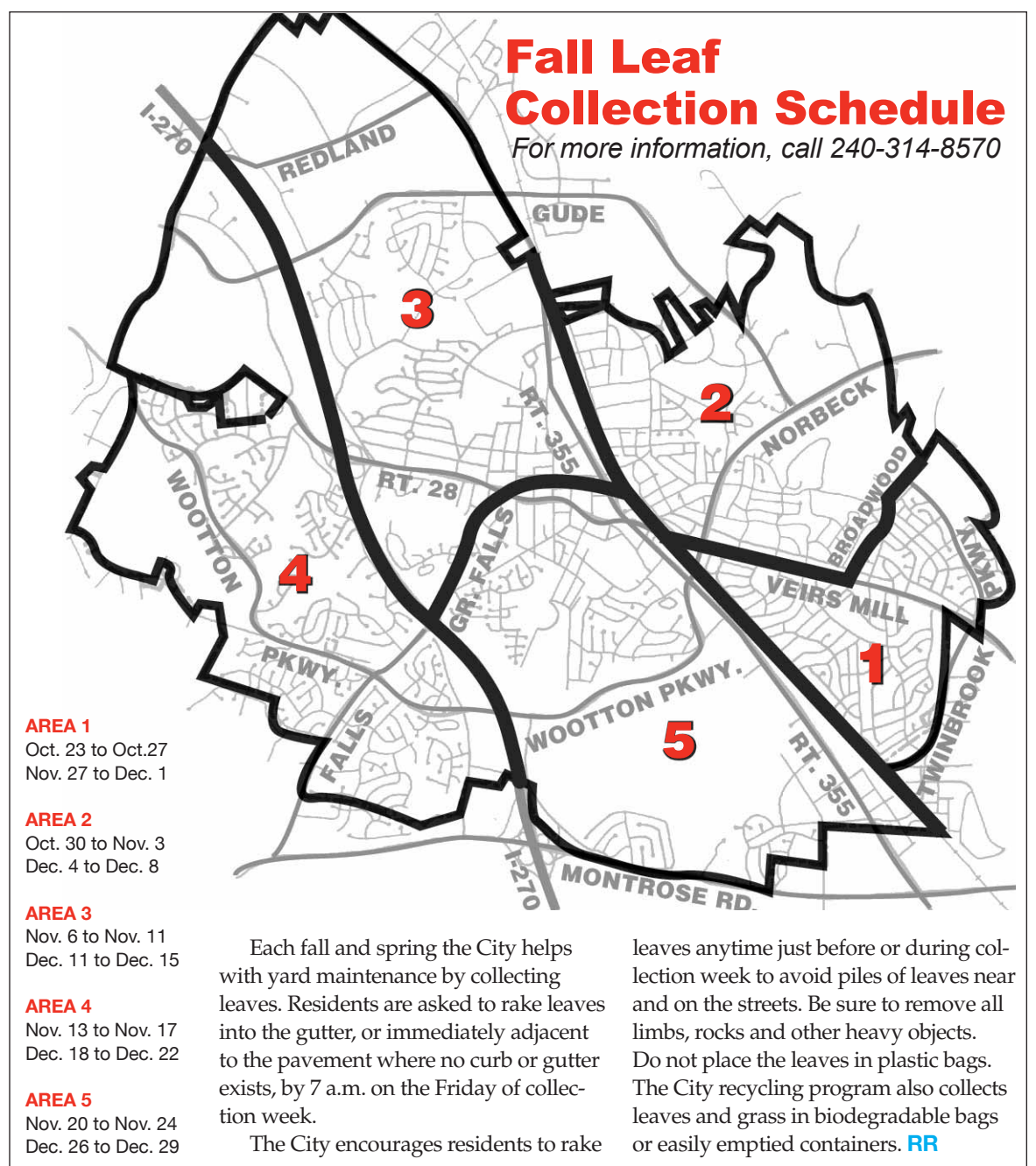
Other tips Wilkins offers are:

- Educate your teen and yourself about community resources available if a child is experiencing difficulty
- Keep lines of communication open with your child
- Spend one-on-one time with your child. Listen to him/her, talk to him/her, do fun activities even on non-special occasions
- Discuss positive coping and problem-solving strategies with your child

For more tips or information, contact Wilkins at 240-314-8917. **RR**

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

For more information, call 240-314-8570



INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the
City Government at Work



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SPIDER CREEPS TO TOP OF CAR COMPETITION... *The annual Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show drew more than 10,000 visitors of all ages to the grounds of Rockville Civic Center Park on Oct. 14, but the visitor that attracted the most attention was older than just about all of them. A 1929 red Alfa Romeo Spider (above), owned by Henry Lewis of Owings Mills, Pa., pulled off the rare feat of winning both the Mayor and Council Award and the People's Choice Award at this year's event. The car recently emerged from more than three years of detailed work by the Al Prueitt and Sons Restoration Company of Glen Rock, Pa. Presenting the awards to driver Ralph Prueitt (second from left), were, left to right, members of the Mayor and Council Anne Robbins, Susan Hoffmann, Bob Dorsey and Phyllis Marcuccio. This year's show had 540 classic cars on the grounds — a record for the five-decades-old event.*

New Meeting Dates For Cell Tower Proposal At Julius West School

Two public meetings to discuss a revised proposal by cell phone provider T-Mobile to erect a cellular telephone tower (monopole) on the grounds of Julius West Middle School in Rockville have been rescheduled for new dates.

The meetings will focus on T-Mobile's revised plans in which it has lowered the maximum height of the proposed tower to 50 feet instead of the originally proposed 70 feet.

The City of Rockville's Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to consider the T-Mobile application at a meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers at City Hall (111 Maryland Avenue). The Planning Commission meeting will be televised live on The Rockville Channel (TRC, cable channel 11).

Before deliberating and making its recommendation, the Planning Commission will hear a report from the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services (CPDS) and will hear comments from representatives of T-Mobile and from interested residents.

The Board of Appeals is tentatively scheduled to consider the matter at its meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall. That meeting will be a formal public hearing. The applicant and in-

terested residents will be given the opportunity to present testimony.

Over the past year, the proposed tower—which would be placed on a rear portion of the property of the school that is located at the intersection of I-270 and Falls Road—has been the subject of much discussion. By agreeing to reduce the maximum height, T-Mobile will not have to get a height waiver from Rockville's Mayor and Council. A City ordinance limits monopoles in or within 500 feet of a residentially zoned area to 50 feet in height.

If the Board of Appeals approves the application, or approves it with conditions, it still must go through a review process conducted by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), since MCPS owns the land on which the monopole would be built and operated. MCPS's review process includes community input.

The T-Mobile Special Exception application and related documents, such as a report from the City's consultant, are available for review during normal business hours at the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at Rockville City Hall.

For more information, call 240-314-8160. Meeting schedules and agendas are available at www.rockvillemd.gov. **RR**

Town Center Master Plan: Possible Revisions Ahead

The Mayor and Council on Oct. 16 had the first of three planned discussions about possible revisions to the Town Center Master Plan. That plan, which is a guide to development in Rockville's downtown, was adopted in October of 2001.

At their meeting on June 5, the Mayor and Council directed that the Town Center Master Plan be reviewed, with the intention of making some changes if desired. There was some concern expressed about the guidelines that address building height. Other issues that were discussed as possible topics to be again addressed were location of a new state district court building (currently slated for the corner of Vinson Street and Maryland Avenue, replacing the Rockville Library that will move to Town Center) and development of the area around the Rockville Metro Station.

Additional general issues that may be discussed include guidelines for parking, open space and urban design standards.

Further discussions on possible revisions to the master plan are scheduled for Mayor and Council meetings on Nov.

13 and Dec. 18. Those meetings each will start at 7 p.m. at City Hall and will be broadcast live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11).

At the first open discussion on possibly revising the master plan, all five Councilmembers expressed very passionate views on the process that led to the creation of the current plan. However, opinions varied as to whether the guidelines have worked as intended in development of the Rockville Town Square project, the 12.5-acre Phase I of Town Center redevelopment that will soon be open.

Some members of the Mayor and Council said future downtown development would benefit if the original guidelines were made more specific. Another sentiment was that making the guidelines more specific would restrict flexibility.

City Manager Scott Ullery said that the series of meetings on the Master Plan would provide a look at the issues. That would enable the Mayor and Council to decide which issues, if any, they would want to revisit.

"We were hoping to give you a place to launch from," he said. **RR**



SPICING UP ROCKVILLE... *The new Town Square development that will soon open is sure to make Rockville Town Center a hot place, but the current streets of downtown were pretty steamy on Sept. 30 during the Rockville Music Festival and the 26th Annual Hard Times Café International Chili Society Maryland State Cook-off. Ghon Eckley of Frederick won the ICS Red Chili competition. David Blake of Ashburn, Va., won the ICS Salsa category. Rose Warmuth of Wheeling, W. Va., was the ICS Verde champion. The freestyle top prize went to Kelly Buszinski-Skuball of Ashburn, who beat out some top-level entries, including the third-place chili dished out by Rockville's own Mayor Larry Giammo (above).*



Mayor
Larry Giammo



Councilmember
Bob Dorsey



Councilmember
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
Anne M. Robbins

Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. Call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Giammo, the Councilmember scheduled for November is:

- **Monday, Nov. 20:** Anne Robbins

Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: www.rockvillemd.gov. Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- **Nov. 6** (Mon.) Citizens' Forum
- **Nov. 13** (Mon.) Town Center Master Plan (second discussion)
- **Nov. 20** (Mon.) Citizens' Forum. Senior Services Long Range Task Force
- **Nov. 27** (Mon.) Stormwater Management Utility Study Discussion (tentative)

Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for appointment to the following:

- Historic District Commission (one)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (two)
- Human Rights Commission (two)
- Montgomery Community Television (MCT) Board of Directors (City of Rockville rep.)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (one)
- Rockville Scholarship Foundation (one)
- Rockville Sister City Corp. (two)
- Senior Citizens Commission (one)
- Sign Review Board (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280.

Inside Rockville Town Square on Display Nov. 4

Rockville residents will have another chance for an up-close view of the new Rockville Town Square development coming to Rockville Town Center through special walking tours on Saturday, Nov. 4. The first tour will begin at 10 a.m.

The City's Neighborhood Resources Program, in conjunction with the Rockville Department of Community Planning and Development Services, will conduct the tours, which will be the third public tours of the soon to open new development.

In June and September, more than 300 people participated in the first tours that took curious visitors inside the construction fences for special presentations by residential developer RD Rockville, LLC, retail developer Federal Realty Investment Trust, the Rockville Library, the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts at Rockville (VisArts) and Rockville Economic

Development, Inc. (REDI).

The tours, which will be about 45 minutes, are open to all interested Rockville residents and future residents of Rockville Town Square who are 18 or older. The limited number of spots in previous tours filled weeks in advance and are expected to fill quickly for the Nov. 4 tour.

Interested residents are encouraged to register as soon as possible for a tour time and should arrive at least 15 minutes before departure.

Participants will meet at a welcome area at the corner of Maryland Avenue and Middle Lane. Everyone must wear closed-toe shoes. Participants also must sign a waiver to enter the construction site.

Parking is available at City Hall, at no cost, or in the Regal Row parking lot for a fee.

To register for a tour, contact the Neighborhood Resources Division at 240-314-8100 or mbroadbent@rockville.md.gov. **RR**

A Time for Giving

Rockville Holiday Drive Kicks-off With Thanksgiving Food Basket Deliveries

The 2006 Rockville Holiday Drive is underway and this year, more than ever, donations are being sought to assist Rockville residents in need during the November and December holiday seasons.

"Last year we served nearly 800 households and we are expecting a similar number of people will need help again this year,"

said Mary Lou Jacobs, Rockville's community services manager. "We're so grateful for the efforts of Manna Food Center, Toys for Tots, local churches and other organizations that we partner with to make the drive a success. And we look forward to another strong holiday drive this year."

Last year the City distributed 1,333 holiday baskets in November and December. This year, the goal is to distribute 1,500 to meet the growing need of Rockville residents.

Nonperishable food donations (canned fruit, vegetables, soup or macaroni and cheese) are

being accepted during regular business hours at Rockville City Hall (111 Maryland Avenue),

the Community Services office at 20 Courthouse Square (Suite 205); the back porch of the Glenview Mansion (Baltimore Road and Edmonston Drive); and the Rockville Senior Center (1150 Carnation Dr.). On weekends or after 5 p.m., donations

can be left at the Twinbrook Community Recreation (12920 Twinbrook Parkway).

Monetary donations also are needed. Checks can be made payable to the Rockville Holiday Drive Fund and mailed to: Community Services Division, Attn: Rockville Holiday Drive, 20 Courthouse Square, Suite 205, Rockville Md., 20850.

Another way residents can make the 2006 Rockville Holiday Drive a success is to volunteer their time to pack or deliver Thanksgiving baskets. Call 240-314-8303 for more information. **RR**

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— Mary Lou Jacobs,
Community Services Manager



Every year on Nov. 11, Rockville residents and City officials honor America's veterans.

Rockville Honors Veterans on November 11

The City of Rockville will conduct a special ceremony in Rockville's Veterans Park to pay tribute and respect to the local heroes who have served in the armed forces on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

City Hall and several other Rockville facilities will be closed the day before the holiday. Some facilities will be open regular hours. Others will operate on their regular schedule. Refuse and recycling will be collected. Enforcement of parking meter regulations will be suspended on Nov. 10.

The ceremonies will include a wreath laying by local veterans groups, a 21-gun salute by the American Legion Post 86 Honor Guard and the playing

of "Taps." The Rockville High School Pipe Band will provide special atmosphere with the music of its bagpipes.

Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmembers Bob Dorsey, Susan Hoffmann, Phyllis Marcuccio and Anne Robbins are expected to join the Disabled American Veterans including Rockville Memorial Chapter 12, the Fleet Reserve Association, Triangle Branch 182; the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association; the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 641; the Washington/Rockville Elks Lodge No. 15; and the American Legion Post 86 and 151 Auxiliary Unit in the event.

Veterans Park is located at the intersection of Route 355

and Veirs Mill Road (Route 28) in downtown Rockville. Participants and spectators should park at the neighboring St. Mary's School.

Immediately following the ceremony American Legion Post 86, located at 2013 Veirs Mill Road, will hold a public open house. A special invitation is extended to veterans and members of their families.

Veterans Day was enacted by an act of Congress in 1926 to recognize the end of War World I, which is marked at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month (11 a.m. on the 11th of November).

For more information on Rockville's Veterans Day ceremonies, call 240-314-8605. **RR**

Concert Band Features Music From Around the World on Nov. 19

The Rockville Concert Band will take concert goers on a musical trip around the world on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. at Rockville's F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. The concert is free and no tickets are required.

Celebration Overture from Great Britain, *Trauersinfonie* from Germany, *Fantasia* from Australia, *Folk Song Suite* from Japan, *March by Prokofiev* from Russia and *Trails of Texas* from the United States of America will be featured at the foot-tapping show that will be held at the recently renovated F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8690. **RR**



Photo Credit: Jacqueline Christo

F. SCOTT FITZGERALD LITERARY CONFERENCE FEATURES JANE SMILEY... A presentation by Pulitzer Prize winning author Jane Smiley delighted audiences at this year's F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference held in Rockville in October. Smiley received the F. Scott Fitzgerald Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. Another highlight of the conference was the presentation of two short story contest awards. The 9th Annual High School Short Story Contest Award winner was Alexandra Rodriguez for her story "Andalucia, A Love Story." The 11th annual Adult Short Story Contest Award winner was Michelle Brafina for her story "Harvard Man."

In Brief

Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule

The City will not collect refuse or recycling as it joins in the celebration of the following holidays: Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 23), Christmas Day (Monday, Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Monday, Jan. 1).

Residents scheduled for collection on those days should hold their refuse and recycling until their next regular collection day. Those participating in the Refuse and Recycling Pilot Program, who will miss their weekly pick-up on Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1, should put their refuse and recycling out for pickup on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and Wednesday, Jan. 3.

CALL **240-314-8568** FOR INFO

Montgomery Alliance Donations Sought

Montgomery Alliance provides opportunities for residents and businesses to invest in strengthening the community by supporting human service nonprofit agencies through donations and volunteer service.

Through Montgomery Alliance, donors can be assured of a commitment to ethical integrity, oversight and credibility through tightly managed and independently audited processes, as well as oversight of recipient agencies. All contributions go to support agencies that are effective in meeting local needs.

Donating is easy and can be accomplished by individuals or organizations using their Web site at www.montgomeryalliance.org. To volunteer, e-mail Montgomery4alliance@comcast.net.

CALL **301-990-3005** FOR INFO

Yew, Haile Win at Rockville 10K/5K

Alvin Yew of Silver Spring easily repeated as champion in the men's 10-kilometer race, but Sintayu Haile of Silver Spring was the winner by just a stride in the women's 10K on Oct. 1 at the Rockville 10K/5K Run, the "Oldest Continuing Road Race in Montgomery County."

This was 31st anniversary of the event that was based in Rockville's King Farm Community.

This year's event had a total of 746 finishers, an impressive increase of 99 more than last year's field.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Rockville Recreation Fund, which enables low-income youth to participate in team sports and other City recreation activities.

The Montgomery County Road Runners Club provided race management.

CALL **240-314-8652** FOR INFO

MLK, Jr. and Taff Awards Deadlines Approaching

The City's Human Rights Commission is seeking nominations for its annual F. Michael Taff Award and Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award that will

be presented at the City's 35th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 15.

The nomination deadline for both awards is Dec. 7.

The Taff Award honors an individual or organization that has made a contribution to improving the lives of people with disabilities. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Youth Award honors a student attending a high school in Rockville who has embraced and promoted the dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

For more information or an application, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/hr/

CALL **240-314-8316** FOR INFO

The Finest! Auditions

The Finest! Youth Performance Troupe will hold auditions for the 12th Annual African American Heritage Production on Wednesday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Performers ages 6 and up who are interested in acting, dance, theatre technical work and more are invited.

Auditions involve learning a short dance routine, reading and presenting a "memorized" monologue of the performer's choice. There is no fee to audition.

If selected, a performance fee of \$23 is required. Practices are held regularly until the performance on Feb. 9.

Contact Karen Rawlins at 240-314-8633 or T J Dickson at 240-314-8636 for more information.

CALL **240-314-8633** FOR INFO

Party in the City

From holiday parties to weddings, anniversaries and birthdays, the City has a wide variety of spaces available to rent at low costs.

Spanning the elegance of Glenview Mansion to the large spaces at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Social Hall, the Rockville Senior Center and Twinbrook and Lincoln Park Community Centers, there is a perfect place for every celebration.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/facilityrental for details and virtual tours.
For more information: 240-314-8620.

Nutcracker Tickets On Sale Nov. 7

The Rockville Civic Ballet will present the holiday classic, "The Nutcracker," at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in December.

Beginning Nov. 7, assigned seat tickets can be purchased in-person, by phone or by mail at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office. Matinees typically sell out by Thanksgiving.

The Nutcracker will be held at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on

Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 9, and at 2 p.m. on Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children (12 years and under) and senior citizens (60 years and older). Group rates are \$11.50 for seven or more adult tickets and \$7.50 for 10 or more children or senior citizens tickets.

Box office hours are 2-7 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturday. The box office is located at 603 Edmonston Drive.

CALL **240-314-8690** FOR INFO

CITY

4 Guided Tour of Underground Railroad Sites in Rockville A guided visit to Rockville sites on the Underground Railroad of the 1800s. Sponsored by Peerless Rockville, and the Menare Foundation. 9 a.m.-12 noon. Rockville Town Center. \$25/person; advanced registration required. 301-762-0096.

4,11,18,25 MOBY Medical Clinic Primary medical care for low-income, uninsured, working-poor and homeless people in Montgomery County. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Lincoln Park Community Recreation Center. 301-493-2400

7 Election Day City Hall closed. Many City facilities operating on limited basis or will be closed. Refuse and recycling will be collected. Polls open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Visit www.elections.state.md.us for more info.

11 Veterans Day Ceremony 11 a.m. Veterans Park. 240-314-5022. Ceremony and wreath laying honoring those who have served our country.

18 Off-Leash Dog Testing Tests to see if City dogs can be walked without a leash. Call to register as date is subject to change. 10 a.m. Swim Center Outdoor Entrance Parking Lot. 240-314-8930

ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. Service charges apply.

november calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

4,5,10,11,12 Rockville Musical Theatre: The Full Monty (Rated R) F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. \$18 reserved seating, \$15 seniors 62 and older. 240-314-8690

5-28 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery: John James — painting and installation; **Bonnie Lee Holland** — mixed media; **James Kessler** — hydrocal, rubber, sculpture. Opening reception: Nov. 5, 1-4 p.m. Artist talk: Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m. Guided tour: Nov. 17, 10 a.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240-314-8660

5 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series: U. S. Navy Band Chamber Ensembles Music from the popular U.S. Navy Band chamber ensembles celebrates the opening of this month's art exhibition. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. FREE. 240-314-8682

19 Rockville Concert Band Concert Rockville's premiere 75-member band performs music from around the world. 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. FREE. 240-314-8690.

NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.

1 Celebrate Native Americans November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Take a hike and learn about Native Americans in Rockville. 3-4 p.m. Ages 7-over. \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

5 Rock Painting Learn an exciting way to make your garden look alive. Paint rocks with favorite animals such as penguins and turtles, and take them home. 1-2 p.m. Ages 8-10. \$10 RES/\$12 NR.

9 Tiny Tot Adult/Child Walk Falling, Falling, It's Fall! Learn about trees and the forest preserve by playing in the leaves a whole new way. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 1 1/2-2 1/2. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

9 Tyke Hike Falling, Falling, It's Fall! 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-6. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800

1 Computers-Clarify Concepts 10-12 noon \$6 MEM/\$8 NM

1 Scents for the Holidays 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$4 MEM/\$6 NM.

1 November Birthday and Anniversary Party 1:30-3 p.m. FREE.

2 Better Daily Living at Home 1-4 p.m. FREE

3,17 Computers-Chinese Intermediate 1-3:30 p.m. \$18 MEM/\$22 NM

6,8,15,20 Computers-Presentations 10 a.m.-12 noon \$36 MEM/\$45 NM

6,8 Computers-Simple Word Processing 1-3 p.m. \$8 MEM/ \$10 NM

8 Wayside Theatre Trip 10 a.m.-7 p.m. See Agatha Christie's *Black Coffee* at the Middleburg, Va. theatre. \$85 MEM/\$106 NM. Register by Oct. 30.

9 Animals You've Never Heard Of 11 a.m.-12 noon FREE. Register by Nov. 2.

9,14,16 Computers-E-mail 10 a.m.-12 noon \$24 MEM/\$30 NM

9,14,16 Digital Photo-Intermediate 1-3 p.m. \$35 MEM/ \$43 NM

13 Medicare 2007 Update 10-11:30 a.m. FREE

14 Modern Disasters 10:30 a.m.-12 noon FREE Register by Nov. 7.

15 Protect Yourself: Identity Theft and Scams 1-2:30 p.m. FREE

16 ABC's Of Skin Care 1-2 p.m. FREE

16 Gifts From The Kitchen 10 a.m.-12 noon \$24 MEM/\$30 NM. Register by Nov. 9

21 Computers-Use & Demo of Burners 10-12 noon \$6 MEM/\$8 NM

29 Shopping On-Line 10 a.m.-12 noon FREE

29 Jefferson Cafe - The Declaration of Independence 1-2:30 p.m. FREE. Register by Nov. 22.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

1 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

4 Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.

8 Cultural Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

8 Rockville Bike Advisory, 7:15 p.m.

8 Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

14 Human Services Advisory Comm., 7:30 p.m., Glenview Mansion

14 Commission on the Environment, 7:30 p.m.

15 Sign Review Board, 4 p.m. (held as needed)

15 Rockville Housing Enterprises, 6:30 p.m., RHE Offices 621-A Southlawn Lane

15 Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

16 Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m.

16 Senior Citizens Commission, 10 a.m., Senior Center

21 Rockville Seniors, Inc., 1 p.m., Senior Center

21 Town Center Action Team, 7 p.m., Room 105, Red Brick Courthouse

22 Rockville Economic Development, Inc. Board Meeting, 7:30 a.m., 95 Monroe Street (call 301-315-8096)

28 Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Rockville Up Close: RMHS Students' Careers Blast Off With Rocket Corps

Juliet Good, a former teacher at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville and now a program coordinator, wanted to do something about the teacher shortage which has affected Montgomery County and the rest of Maryland for the past decade.

Her answer: Rocket Corps. It is the only program in a Maryland high school designed to entice pre-college students to go into the education field.

The idea of the program, which started with 16 students, was to provide the experience of what it is like to be a teacher by working in the classroom during the academic school year.

For a few years now, Maryland has declared a severe shortage of teachers in 23 counties and Baltimore City. This is a serious problem that could affect the quality of a Maryland State public school

education.

Rocket Corps, which is six years old and currently has 82 interns, has had remarkable success.

"It wasn't until I did Rocket Corps that I realized I didn't want to do anything else but teach," said John Difato, who is currently working toward the five-year masters program in Education at the University of Maryland.

Rocket Corps students must either be juniors or seniors with a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Those in Rocket Corps earn 40 hours of community service and a half-credit per semester. Students

are encouraged to be a part of the program all four semesters, but just one semester is a great learning opportunity.

The students help teach a portion of the classes, grade and assign homework, conduct in-class warm ups and offer their free time by tutoring fellow students who may be struggling in the class. Rocket Corps is an opportunity for students to begin their experience in the teaching field.

It also gives the students more personal gain. Some may come out of the program not wanting to teach; others will have found a new passion.

Good started in the

English department at Richard Montgomery, but decided to devote all of her time to Rocket Corps. The amount of gratitude and appreciation Good has received over the years is evident by stepping into her office. Her wall is adorned with thank you notes, personal pictures and letters of recognition for her founding, support and overall success with the program.

Building self-esteem, strong public speaking skills and compassion for others are all important characteristics that students in Rocket Corps will walk away with when they are finished with the program, whether or not they go on to be teachers.

"Overall, producing people who care about others, being successful by helping others," said Good, "and feeling good is what is important."

— by Jacqueline Christo



Peerless Hosts Unique Tour of 'Underground Railroad' on Nov. 4

Peerless Rockville, the City's heritage preservation organization, is offering a rare opportunity to see the "underground" elements of Rockville's secretive past.

A unique guided walking tour on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.- 12 noon will show how everyday Rockville locations played an active role in the "Underground Railroad" in the 1800's.

A highlight of the tour will be a discussion of Josiah Henson, the model for the title character in *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Tour goers also will hear other sto-

ries of slaves who escaped to freedom as well as look at the variety of slave-holding families in the area.

The Underground Railroad refers to the effort that assisted runaway slaves in their escape to freedom. The movement consisted of many individuals who acted locally to move fugitive slaves to the North, knowing nothing about the overall operation. Many of the hidden passage-

ways and secret rooms used were never formally documented because the risk of

exposure was too great.

"As one of the northern-most parts of the South, Rockville was not the destination. It was the way up."

— Eileen McGuckian, Executive Director of Peerless Rockville

of Peerless Rockville. "As one of the northern-most parts of

the South, Rockville was not the destination. It was the way up."

"It's a matter of looking at everyday places and realizing what roles they played in people's lives under slavery," said McGuckian. "There are Underground Railroad sites all around Rockville that will be obvious to you once you take this tour."

The tour is co-sponsored by The Menare Foundation.

Tickets are \$25 and advanced reservations are required. To register or for more information, contact 301-762-0096.

TRC 11	THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL MARCH PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends	Planning Commission	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report
7:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
8 a.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.	Historic District Commission	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 a.m.		Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	
9:30 a.m.		Financial Planning for Seniors	Responsible & Responsive	Financial Planning for Seniors	Responsible & Responsive	Financial Planning for Seniors	
10 a.m.		Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Into the Blue: RCPD	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Into the Blue: RCPD	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	
10:30 a.m.		Responsible & Responsive	Financial Planning for Seniors	Responsible & Responsive	Financial Planning for Seniors	Responsible & Responsive	
11 a.m.		Video Hikes	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Video Hikes	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Video Hikes	Cityline
11:30 a.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
12 noon	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12:30 p.m.	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
1 p.m. until meeting ends	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 p.m.	Financial Planning for Seniors		Rockville U: Public Safety	Rockville U: Public Safety		Rockville U: Public Safety	
4:30 p.m.	Video Hikes						
5 p.m.	Responsible & Responsive	Into the Blue: RCPD			Service Rockville!		Financial Planning for Seniors
5:30 p.m.	Into the Blue: RCPD	Service Rockville!	Annual Report	Service Rockville!	Annual Report	Service Rockville!	Into the Blue: RCPD
6 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
7 p.m.	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Rockville's Recent Past: Peerless Symposium	Planning Commission	Rockville's Recent Past Peerless Symposium (3rd & 4th Thurs.)	Mayor & Council	Video Hikes
7:30 p.m.							Service Rockville!
8 p.m.							Financial Planning for Seniors
9 p.m.							Annual Report
9:30 p.m.							Cityline
10 p.m.	City Hall Report	City Hall Report		City Hall Report		City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10:30 p.m.	Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review		Mayor & Council Review		Mayor & Council Review	Mayor & Council Review
11 p.m.	Financial Planning for Seniors	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Financial Planning for Seniors	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Financial Planning for Seniors	Caregivers: Adult Homeless	Financial Planning for Seniors
11:30 p.m.	Annual Report	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	Video Hikes	Annual Report	Caregivers: Adult Homeless

Volunteer Time: Mentoring

There are many ways to share talent, experience, expertise and time with individuals or organizations by volunteering in the City. Each month "Volunteer Time" highlights a different opportunity to promote an interest in giving back to the community.

Volunteering is one way of giving back to the community, and the City of Rockville has countless opportunities. One extremely valuable program needs adult volunteers.

For the 12th consecutive year, the City's Division of Community Services and College Gardens Elementary School is conducting a mentoring program that pairs at-risk elementary-aged children with adults who will provide vital support to their learning and social development.

The mentoring opportunity gives adult and high-school aged volunteers a chance to work one-on-one with students and help to develop their academic and social skills. Mentors are matched with students who share their general interests and strengths.

The program is designed to improve the self-esteem and confidence of the students, to motivate them academically and in other avenues, assist them with problem solving and teach life skills.

"Not only do the children benefit from the extra support, but many of the mentors say they learn just as much, if not more, from their mentees," said Cynthia Bangali, a Community Services program coordinator.

Nicole Horst is a fifth-grade teacher at College Gardens who also volunteers her time after school as a mentor. She has participated in the program for the last three years.

"Through mentoring, students learn to develop respect for others," said Horst. "I recommend the program to everyone."

For information, or to sign up, call Bengali at 240-314-8317 or email cbangali@rockvillemd.gov.

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